

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

- forming at least one groove in a socket housing contiguous to and in the same plane as a surface mount region for an electrical device; and
- securing a rigid bar in the groove to thereby ensure that the surface mount region is flat and remains flat.

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the forming of the groove comprises:

- providing the groove with a U-shaped cross-section.

19. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the rigid bar comprises:

- a rod.

20. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

- forming a pair of grooves in a socket housing contiguous to a surface mount region for an electrical device, and
- inserting rigid warpage reinforcement bars in the grooves to thereby ensure the surface mount region is flat and remains flat.

21. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the forming of the grooves comprises:

- providing the grooves with a U-shaped cross-section.

22. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the rigid bars comprise:

- rods.

23 (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

- forming a U-shaped groove in a socket housing contiguous to a surface mount region for an electrical device, and
- securing a U-shaped rigid warpage reinforcement bar in a mating relationship in the U-shaped groove to provide a surface mount region for an electrical device within the U-shape of the U-shaped bar in the U-shaped groove to thereby ensure that the surface mount region is flat and remains flat.

24. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the forming of the U-shaped groove comprises:

- providing the U-shaped groove with a U-shaped cross-section.

25 (Original) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the rigid bar comprises:

- a rod.

26. - 30. (Canceled)